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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,000)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1)
Molecules and Uses Thereof)

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 20, 2003

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the specification at pages 2-12, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification, and a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 13-18.

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